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This bibliography presents annotations and critical appraisals of all fiction titles published between 1968 and 1993 by African American authors and targeting young adult readers--166 titles by 57 authors. Only works of fiction--historical fiction, modern realistic fiction, fantasy and science fiction, and mystery and suspense--by African American authors and centering on African American protagonists are included in the bibliography. The bibliography begins with an introduction which places contemporary young adult fiction by African American writers in an historical and political context. The annotations for each title in the bibliography are extensive and offer an in-depth critical appraisal that judges the quality of writing, the appeal and development of characters, problems, and themes, and the handling of complex and sensitive cultural, historical, and sociopolitical issues, where applicable. Each annotation in the bibliography includes recommended reader age and gender, based on the developmental, emotional, and intellectual level of the intended audience. Appendixes provide a publishing chronology of African American young adult fiction issued between 1968 and 1993, and lists of award-winning authors and books included in this bibliography. (NKA)

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